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<i>Title of the Invention:</i> DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MICROORGANISMS		

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 28 June 2001, please enter the amendments contained on the following pages, which are summarized below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by amending the cross-reference to related applications as shown on the following page.

Please cancel the title of the invention from the abstract page, page 37

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 83 and 92, as shown on the following pages.

Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended claims are attached to this amendment. Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by brackets.

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